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McManus' First Senate Bill Signed Into Law

*Public Act 140 is part of a legislative package to clarify the tax code
and eliminate filing errors*

LANSING – Working to clarify the Michigan Tax Code, Senator Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, celebrated the passage of her first Senate bill into law when Senate Bill 133 became Public Act 140 late last month.

“Serving the constituents of the 35th Senate District is an honor,” McManus said. “Michigan taxpayers deserve to know what exemptions they qualify for under state law. The bill I sponsored, which has now become law, will clarify Michigan Tax Code, enabling residents and families to have this important information. The new law will also cut down on filing errors and save taxpayer dollars.”

Public Act 140 amends the General Property Tax Act by defining “homestead” as “principal residence” in provisions that exempt homestead property from school operating property taxes levied by school districts. The law is a part of a legislative package to delete references to “homestead” and replace them with references to “principal residence” where necessary.

Public Act 140 also provides a property tax exemption from personal property taxes for federally registered aircraft that now inadvertently applies to state registered aircraft.

Note: A downloadable photograph of Sen. McManus is available on the Senate Majority Photowire, located at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/>.